

Providing a Pathway to Success

Thanks to City Council Member Rafael Salamanca, Jr. and the New York City Council, MCNY expanded its impact on its Bronx communities through a new pilot program called Pathways to Success. In January 2021, we welcomed a cohort of 30 adults into the new initiative, which offered an alternative route to a high school equivalency diploma from New York State. The program was funded entirely through donations and free of charge to students, many of whom were in minimum-wage jobs and had tried and failed to pass the various components of the GED exam. By December 2021, despite the many challenges Pathways students faced, 40% of students completed the 24-credit program within a calendar year. Of those, 9 students enrolled at MCNY to continue their college studies. This small pilot demonstrated the potential of this program to make an immediate and lasting difference to individuals and communities. MCNY will continue to identify donors and community partners to support continuing and expanding this important program.

